April 4, 2004
Palm Sunday

Mon., April 5, 2004
Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11

Evening Mass-5:45 pm
Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
7:00 pm – Lay Ministry Formation meets

Tues., April 6, 2004
Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Morning Mass-7:00 am
Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00pm
7:00pm- Stewardship Committee Meets
7:00– 8:30 pm – Boy Scouts meet

Wed., April 7, 2004
Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25
Evening Mass–5:45 p.m.
Office Hours – 9:00-12:00pm
9:00 – 12:00 - Food Pantry

Thurs., April 8, 2004
HOLY THURSDAY
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Morning Prayer-7:00 a.m.
Office Hours - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
7:00 pm-Mass of the Lords Supper
Ministry Schedule:
Bread Baker: *Irene Daschel*
Altar Servers: *Jacqui Osnes, Alyssa Hoffman, Whitney Werdel, Tanner Quinn, Brianna Quinn, Cheyenne Quinn*
Euch: Min.: Body: *Deacon John Osnes*
Blood: *Joni Osnes, Wayne Roe, Brad & Mary Blauvelt*
Lector: *Marty Quinn & Pat Roe*
Sacristan: *Brad & Mary Blauvelt*
Ushers: *Diane & Joe Norman*
Music: *Folk Group*

8:30-10:00pm – Adoration (Please sign up in the Gathering area)
10:00 pm-Night Prayer

Fri., April 9, 2004
GOOD FRIDAY
Is 52:13-53:12 Hb 4:14-16, 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42
7:00am-Morning Prayer
Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
3:00pm-Stations of the Cross led by Parish Mothers
7:00pm – Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross
Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers: *Clinton Wilson, Joey Olson & Cody Wilson*
Lector: *Reeny Wilson & Judy Wilson*
Sacristan: *Frank & Donna Boner*
Ushers: *Bernard & Loretta Wiehl*
Music: *Family Choir*

10:00pm-Tenebrae

Sat., April 10, 2004

HOLY SATURDAY
Gn 1:1--2:2 Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15--15:1
Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4
Ez 36:16-28 Rom 6:3-11 Lk 24:1-12
8:00 am- Morning Prayer
8:00-9:30am - Men's Group Meet
9:00 - 10:30am - Share Distribution
9:00 - 12:00 noon - Food Pantry
11:30 am-Blessing of Easter Food & Easter Baskets
8:30 pm – Easter Vigil

Ministry Schedule:
Bread Baker: *Mary Johnson*
Altar Servers: *Dana Schubauer, Matthew Jacobs, Jessica Ferley, Katie Strand, David Strand, Stephanie Strand*
Euch: Min.: Body: *Beth-Ann Ferley*
Blood: *Jessica Jacobs, Lorinda Collings, Jean Schubauer, Brenda Jacobs,*
Lector: *Tyler Schubauer, Carol Greene, Diane Clarke, Tom Collings, Kathy & Ken Van Asma, Judy & Dennis Olson,*
Sacristan: *Bruce & Mary Johnson*
Ushers: *Duane Schubauer & Marc Jacobs*
Music: *Music Ministers*

Sun., April 11, 2004
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
Mass-8:00 a.m.
Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers: *Bethany & Hannah Ehresmann, Dane & Hanna Schroeder*
Euch: Min.: Body: *Deacon John Osnes*
Blood: *Cathy & John Wang, Pat Schubauer, Scott Silbernagel*
Lector: *Larry & Joyce Williamson*
Sacristan: *John & Cathy Wang*
Ushers: *Frank Boner & Don Everson*
Music: *Family Choir*

9:00 am - Coffee/Donuts

9:15-10:15 am – No Youth Formation Class

Mass-10:30 a.m.
Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers: *Gina & Megan Czmowski, Jacqui Osnes, Bridget Thelen*
Euch: Min.: Body: *Father Mark*
Blood: *Gary & Barb Erickson, Deacon John Osnes & Deacon Walt Wilson*
Lector: *Greg & Matthew Sass*
Sacristan: *Gary & Barb Erickson*
Ushers: *Jim Hoag & Dorothy Tinnell*
Music: *Folk Group & Youth Group*

7:00-Evening Prayer

Intentions:
Mon., March 22 - 5:45 pm - Repose of Kathryn Houseman
Tues, March 23, - 7:00am - For the Conversion of Heart during t his Lenten Season
Wed., March 24 - 5:45 pm - For healing of sexually Abused
Thurs, March 25 - 7:00am-Health & Recovery for Peggy Krebs

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Blest are they who come in the name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister? (Luke 19:28-40)

SPARKS FROM MARK:
Another liturgy that I have come to look forward to during Holy Week is the Liturgy of Tenebrae or the Office of Tenebrae. Tenebrae is not part of the main liturgies of the "Triduum" or the "Three Days" but it has a strong connection to the Triduum through the Liturgy of the Hours.

My first encounter of praying Tenebrae was at the Basilica of St. Mary's in Minneapolis, Minnesota when I was in the seminary back in the late 80's. Part of that Tenebrae liturgy included the anointing of the Paschal Candle and our hands with Myrrh oil preparing the church and ourselves for the death and resurrection of Christ. This anointing is not part of the Tenebrae liturgy itself but was an adaptation that the parish community of Basilica of St. Mary's added to the Tenebrae liturgy to high light the importance of the use of the Paschal Candle in our worship, representing that of Christ, who is our light.

Tenebrae means "darkness" or "shadows" in Latin and refers to a public singing of Matins and Lauds that is Night and Morning Prayer, which was part of the old form of the Liturgy of the Hours. Tenebrae was held on the evenings of Holy Thursday; Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, and the liturgy had a tone of mourning.

There are different forms the Tenebrae liturgy is prayed. This is the way I experience it at the Basilica of St. Mary's. The Tenebrae liturgy is a ceremony of light, which uses a triangular stand with seven candles on it; the traditional Tenebrae uses a stand or hearse with fifteen candles.

One by one, the candles are extinguished after signing of the lamentations from Jeremiah and the readings from Psalm 22, Isaiah 38.1-20 and Ezekiel 37.1-14. In the end the seventh and last candle is removed from sight. The Church is cast into complete darkness and all make a sustained noise with a hand, foot or book. When the candle is returned the noise ceases. After the candle is set back in place all depart into the night in silence. The sustained noise symbolizes the Temple being torn in two as we read in Matthew's Gospel 27.51-52, 54.

Tenebrae is schedule for 10:00 pm on Good Friday. I hope and encourage all to come and experience Tenebrae and Anointing of God's Holy People.

Prayer Corner: *Please remember in your daily prayers:*
Rose Ann Cartney - improved health
Trish Kostel - improved health
Justin Judy- improved health
Joshua Weaver - improved health
Elaine O'Donnell - for healing
Judi James - for healing
Matthew Bearden - improved health
Eric Denekamp - improved health

Community Events

The Piedmont Community Easter Egg Hunt will be Sat. April 10, beginning @ 10:00 a.m. The event will be at the Piedmont Park, for pre-school through 3rd grade. Come early to register for drawings. For questions, please call Paula Honerkamp 716-6572 or Liz Banton 787-5266

American Legion has Steak Night
Please join the American Legion
For steak, $8.00 or chicken $7.00.
Saturday April 10, 5pm-7:30 pm.

Parish Activities

Baptism Prep: 1st Sunday of each Month. Call 787-5168 to make an appointment.

Stewardship Committee: Meets 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

Liturgy Committee: Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

Pastoral Council: Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

Men's Club: Meets every Saturday from 8-9:30 am.

STEWARDSHIP
March 27-28, 2004
General Collections

*Loose-	$910.67
*Envelopes-	$2,500.00
Votive -	$7.25
*Student -	$682.51
Adopt a Seminarian	$30.00
Bishops Appeal	$100.00
Building	$150.00
Other	$25.00
	$4,405.43

March Website Statistics

- 2174 visits generated 11437 hits
- Most visited page - the home page, followed by view (686 hits), stations (324), bulletin (199), and links (126).

Mothers wanted who are willing to lead Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 3:00. Help will be provided on how to lead stations. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church

Anyone who would like to donate money for Easter flowers, please leave a donation at the office. If you would like to donate flowers, we would like them at the church no sooner than Holy Saturday morning but before 2:00 in the afternoon. Thank you for your generosity.

Ring, Ring…
If you have bells that you would like to ring during the Gloria at Holy Thursday Mass, please feel free to bring them. We will also ring bells during the Gloria for Easter.

1st Communion Parents
Dates to remember:

Thurs., April. 22 7:00pm
Reconciliation Service

Faithful Citizenship

In times of terror and war, of global insecurity and economic uncertainty, of disrespect for human life and human dignity, we need to return to basic moral principles. Politics… should be about fundamental moral choices. How do we protect human life and dignity? How do we fairly share the blessings and burdens of the challenges we face? What kind of nation do we want to be? What kind of world do we want to shape?

-USCCB administrative Committee, Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political responsibility, pp 1-2

OLBH WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER
Will be Tuesday, April 13th, 7pm. There will be a video "A Fathers Embrace" by Kimberly Hahn. All are invited. For more info, please call Kathy Van Asma.

Diocesan News:

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a very specific process designed to help you experience the Mercy and compassion of God. It is also an opportunity to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief. There are many exercises to help you grieve the loss of your unborn child and to receive and accept God's forgiveness. The retreat concludes with a Memorial and Resurrection Service. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope. The next Rapid City retreat will be held May 7- 9, 2004 (Note: this is a date change!) There is another retreat scheduled November 12-14, 2004 in the Rapid City area. For more information visit the web site: www.rachelsvineyard.org, call 1-(877) HOPE-4-ME (1-877-467-3463) or our local contact is: Carol Kling, (605) 374-5639.

AN ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
For engaged or newly married couples to focus on developing a mutual, faithful and permanent marriage relationship, will be held April 23-25, 2004 at St. Martin's Community Center near Rapid City. For further information, contact Greg & Connie Forstner, 605-341-6032. To register, call Dave & Denise Hollenbeck, 605-341-7883. Registration deadline is Friday, April 16.

Christian Family Planning Seminar will be offered by the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday, April 17, in Hot Springs, SD. For information/registration, call Family Life Ministries at 343-3541. Pre-registration is required.

Marriage Encounter Weekends are a time for married couples to examine their lives together- to know each other more completely and love more deeply. Weekends are scheduled for April 30-May 2 at Blue Cloud Abby. Contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605.362.9145 for registration contact Noel & Mary Lais at 605.334.0485. Pre-registration is required.

Looking for a few good Gift Bearers:
In the past our hard working Ushers/Greeters have had to ask the parishioners as they enter for the Liturgy if they would volunteer to be the Gift Bearers for mass. We would like to encourage the parishioners to volunteer on their own. OLBH will place a Gift Bearers card on the Gift table. If anyone would like to volunteer they simply pick up this card off the table and take it. Inside the card are instructions on when and how to be a Gift Bearer. After mass just return the card for the next mass. So if you see the card as you enter please volunteer if you don't see the card then that means someone else has already volunteered. Thank you!

For The Ride Home
Palm Sunday
April 04, 2004

Scripture

- I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Isaiah 50:6)
- They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. (Psalm 22:17,18)
- Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:7)
- Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. (Luke 23:46)

Reflection

- Why does Jesus suffer and die on the cross?

Because the confrontation with the mystery of evil and sin is at the heart of the fulfillment of God's plan, God's work does not consist simply in communicating grace but also destroying evil, in freeing humankind from what holds him captive. That is why God's action in the Word will take the form of the mystery of the Cross. … He triumphs over death by accepting enslavement by it so that humanity can be set free. This is the whole meaning of death and resurrection of Christ, who descends into the most inaccessible depths of suffering and so destroys evil at its roots. There is but one solution to the mystery of evil: the triumphant Cross of Christ. Every explanation becomes unbearable in the face of suffering; every human effort becomes ridiculous in the face of evil. We are unable to bring consolation or explanations to someone in the midst of suffering; all we can do is try to relieve some of his or her suffering. Jesus Christ alone brings victory over suffering of bodies and souls. As a modern novel puts it, "One word alone is possible, that which proclaims the resurrection of the body; all other words are just so much babbling." We believe that Christ resolves the whole human drama because he alone reaches its ultimate depths. We must avoid leaving Christianity on the surface; it is neither a system of morality, nor a social order, nor a system of metaphysics. Rather it is the fact that what is inaccessible to humankind, what reveals the very mystery of his existence as neither morality nor sociology could do has been achieved by the Word of God. (Danielou, Cardinal Jean, Prayer, The Mission of the Church, W. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI, 1996, p. 89)